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**SUBJECT: LASD THRUVISION DEPLOYMENT PROCEDURES**

The purpose of this memorandum is to establish the procedures and basic tactical concepts for the Transit Services Bureau (TSB) deployment of the Thruvision body scanner.

**BACKGROUND**

Transit Services Bureau is responsible for providing contract law enforcement services to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA). The LACMTA Security has deemed the Thruvision body scanner to be a valuable tool to prevent weapons and explosive devices from entering the transit system. Accordingly, LACMTA purchased scanners and requested the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department participation during training and deployment of the technology.

**PROCEDURES**

A. Deputy Responsibilities: Deputies assigned to a Thruvision operation shall:

- Adhere to Department, State, and Federal laws pertaining to reasonable suspicion and probable cause. Information obtained from the Thruvision device should generally not be used as the sole determining factor to arrest or detain. The decision to arrest or detain should generally include other factors and circumstances in addition to the Thruvision technology. A layered approach is preferred, which may include an individual's behavior and/or an alert from an Explosive Detection Canine.
- Be guided by existing Department tactical concepts and use of force policies. Use of Thruvision technology does not relieve deputies of their responsibility to perform in a manner consistent with Department training and expectations. Department personnel

should refer to the applicable sections of the Manual of Policy and Procedures as it relates to use of force, undercover operations, less lethal weapon deployment, patrol rifle deployment, and any other relevant policies.

- Deputies are reminded that only designated LACMTA personnel are certified to operate the Thruvision screening device. Prior to the deployment of the Thruvision device, Department personnel shall review the procedures of the deployment with the LACMTA personnel who will be operating the Thruvision device.

B. Supervisor Responsibilities: Supervisors assigned to a Thruvision operation shall:

- Ensure an Explosive Detection Canine is deployed with the detail. A Canine team, at a minimum, shall consist of a uniformed handler with their canine and two uniformed deputies in contact and cover roles.
- Ensure all deputies are in possession of all required equipment.
- Ensure all plainclothes/undercover procedures are adhered to, should plainclothes/undercover deputies be deployed.
- Ensure an operations plan is developed and communicated to all involved personnel, including LACMTA employees.
- Implement command and control in the event of a critical incident.
- Provide appropriate oversight, as needed.

C. Training Coordinator's Responsibilities: TSB Training and Scheduling personnel shall:

- Maintain a file of all Thruvision field training exercises. The documentation should consist of the involved personnel, scenario details, and notifications.
- Act as the liaison between the Department and LACMTA for Thruvision training exercises.
- Ensure appropriate safety procedures are in place prior to scenarios/exercises.
- Ensure training is provided to all supervisors and deputies involved in the deployment of Thruvision.

D. Notifications: The following notification protocols shall be adhered to:

- The TSB watch commander shall be notified that a Thruvision operation will be conducted. The notification should include the start and end of shift times, locations, and size of the operation.

- All field personnel working TSB, including those on overtime, shall be advised that Thruvision will be in use with a designated response component and to avoid the screening area unless requested.
- All weapon arrests resulting from the screening process shall be included in the TSB watch commander's shift log.

Please contact Lieutenant Mouat at (323) 563-5075 if you have any questions.

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